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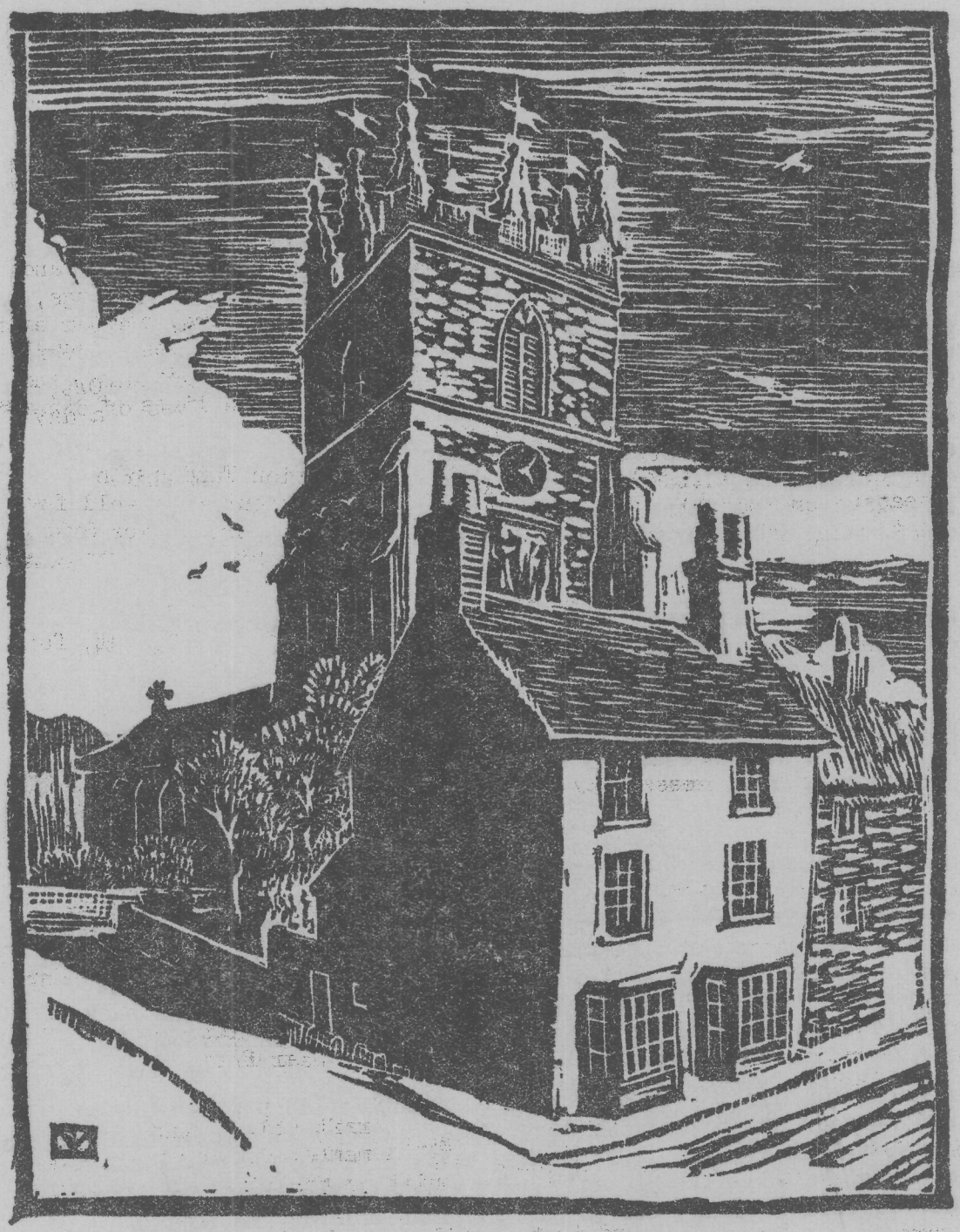

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COVER NOTE: This month's cover was taken from a linocut by Tom Van Oss, as used on the cover of the 1937 Deddington Calendar. This was not a day and date calendar as generally known now, but contained a collection of sayings, proverbs and quotations, contributed by village people and others, one for each date of the month. For 1st March, for example, we find "Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own", sent in by Mrs. Gertrude Rule, and for the last day of the month "Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves", (Miss S. Smith).

The calendar was sold in aid of the Church Tower Restoration Fund which needed £300 for urgent repairs. Mounted copies of the linocut were sold for 1/6d., or 2/6d. on special paper and signed by the artist. Mrs. Alice Sykes, Market Place, lent us her copy of the calendar from which this cover was taken.

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Our grateful thanks to Mrs. Doris Pullen of Whitegates, Philcote Street, for her donation towards the running expenses of Deddington News.

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Extra copies of Deddington News are on sale at the Post Office, price 5p.

OBITUARY: With sorrow we report the tragic death of Paul Davies of Brick Court, Hudson Street, a well-known and well-loved figure in Deddington. He was driving home on the evening of 22 February when his car ran into the back of a stationary lorry, parked without lights at Evenley, near Brackley. He died shortly afterwards in hospital. He was 38.

Paul was the Managing Director of Performance Sailcraft Ltd. in Banbury, a rapidly expanding firm making sailing dinghies. A member of the Olympic Sailing squad which competed at Kiel in 1972, he had built up the firm himself and was European Director. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Our sympathies are offered to Jane, and to his children Melanie and Rachel.

MEETING ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE WINDMILL HALL

At a meeting on February 8th there were present, in addition to the original Adult Education Committee members, representatives of the Deddington Playgroup, the W.I., the Mothers and Toddlers group, the Cubs, the Guides, Deddington Ladies, the Mothers' Union, the P.T.A., the Brownies, the Scouts and the Badminton Club.

Mr. Drake gave a full report about the original concern over the future of the Hall and of the steps which had been taken to bring the matter to a stage where Parish Council representatives would meet representatives of County Council departments on Friday 17 February.

A good deal of very useful discussion followed from this report. Full minutes of this meeting have been sent to every club or organization in Deddington in the hope that members will discuss the question of the Hall's future as widely as possible. (If I have missed some group out, please do ask for a copy).

The feeling of the meeting was that probably in the end the Parish Council would want there to be a public meeting about the Hall, if their discussions with the County Council proved to be satisfactory.

The meeting also discussed the future of adult education in Deddington and concern was expressed that in the present situation its continuance was very uncertain.

The Committee decided to meet again on
MARCH 8th AT 8 p.m. IN THE WINDMILL SCHOOL
and invitations were extended to any further clubs to send representatives to the meeting.

C. R. M. Isaac, Secretary of Adult Education Committee

1st DEDDINGTON SCOUT GROUP

We would like to thank all who supported our Auction Sale. The proceeds will go towards buying new tents for the Group.

The following Cubs have attained their Conservation Badge.

Christopher Smith	Timothy Jones	Gareth Smith
Richard Johnson	Martin Smith	Mark Scarr
Christopher Field	Ian Wilkins	

A. R. Welford, Group Scout Leader

W. I. NEWS

At our meeting on Tuesday 14th February we heard a most interesting talk about Jewish traditions and observances. The speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Wynne, who used to live in Deddington, so they were welcomed not only as guests but as friends of many of the members. Mrs. Wynne was at one time President of the Deddington W. I. She and her husband now live in Bodicote.

The Competition: A Valentine card, was won by Mrs. J. Walton, 2nd was Mrs. Gregory. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on March 14th at 7.30 p.m.

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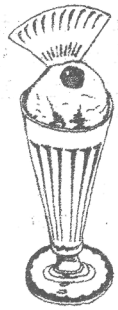

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1st DEDDINGTON GUIDES

First a big 'thank you' to everyone who supported our Jumble Sale, which we held with the Brownies. The result was £48 to be shared between us.

During the school's half-term we went on a hike and met with Guides from the 2nd Bloxham company. Eventually we had some hot soup (the fire was more smoke than flame!) and while we waited for that, there were games in the field (we were joined by sheep and cows during the morning!) This hike was held on Thinking Day (February 22) - if you don't know what that is, ask any Guide. Another part of our celebrations for this was the morning service we attended at Aynho Church, the previous Sunday. We have several Aynho Guides in the company, and for most parades etc. they come to Deddington, but this time we visited them, and we were made very welcome.

On Mothering Sunday we will be attending Deddington Church as usual.

Finally, can I finish on a personal note. At the end of March I will be moving to North Wales, and as a result, I'll be leaving the company. Can I thank all the Guiders, Unit Helpers, and of course the Guides for all the happy memories of 1st Deddington I'll be taking with me. Guides, don't frighten your new helper away - Mrs. Rampley, Mrs. Stammers and Mrs. Middleton need all the help they can get! Thank you for putting up with me - Tuesdays won't be the same without you!

Jenny Jones

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CORRESPONDENCE

As many people probably now know, Jenny Jones and family, dogs an' all, an' all are off to Wales at the end of the month.

I would like to say on behalf of all Guiders and Helpers, and Guides of the 1st Deddington company that she will be very much missed, and I know that the Guides, in particular, would like to say a very big 'Thank-you' for all Mrs. Jones has done for the Unit.

We would like to join now in wishing the Jones family Good luck and much happiness in their new home.

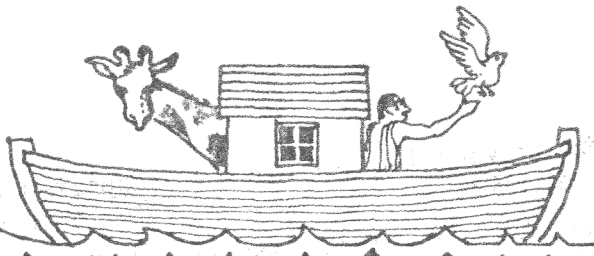
Maggie Rampley

There will be quite a gap in some of the local groups when Jenny and Derek Jones and their family leave the district for North Wales. They have given a lot to the community at large, not just as individuals, but as a family also.

Although having a very time-consuming job, Derek has managed to provide a great deal of his time and energy to the School PTA, mainly in providing his mathematical expertise to the Treasurer's job and somewhat less pleasant sweated labour to building and repairing the swimming pool. Jenny of course has always been ready and willing to provide food for various local functions. As you will undoubtedly know, she also took over as Joint Leader of the Guides in Spring 1975 and must have proved very valuable as a listener to the girls, as well as helping to organise activities. She has still found time to organise collection of newspapers and other jobs for the Scouts, run the pottery crèche once a week for the last year, and even regularly acted as a voluntary nursing auxiliary in Banbury.

Jenny and Derek have of course been foster parents to several small children since being in the area and the family have given their home and their love to others in less fortunate circumstances. Last of all, but most directly concerning ourselves, Jenny has organised the distribution of the "News" by the Guides. They will be a valuable acquisition to their new community and we wish them the best of luck.

Jill Cheeseman



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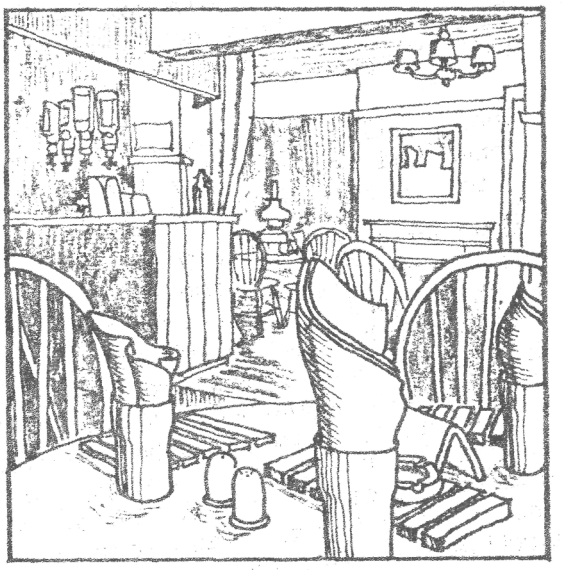

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As I reported last month, we have been struggling along with just a few mothers and children coming each week. Let's hope that now slightly better weather seems to be on the way, you will feel more inclined to venture out for a short time on a Monday afternoon.

To boost funds, we will be holding a jumble sale at the Holly Tree Club on Saturday, March 11th at 10.30 a.m. Stalls will include second-hand children's clothes, produce, books, and white elephant. So, while you are doing your spring cleaning, keep an eye open for anything which you could put in for the sale. If you do find anything, I'd be grateful if you could let me have it, or ask me to collect it, by Friday, March 10th. Just ring Deddington 297.

Our last meeting before Easter will be on 13th March.

Bridget Macgregor

DEDDINGTON TOWN F. C.

League News:- With the recent bad weather many games have been postponed, but we are still at the top of the Premier Division. The only threat may come from Bodicote Sports, but our players are confident of bringing this title home to Deddington.

Cup News:- By beating Charlton we have gone through to the next round of the Guardian Cup.

This month we welcome Mr. Mick Canning as Manager for our First Team squad. Mick has been associated with sport for many years and is a very capable manager. We wish him the best of luck for the rest of the season. We have also transferred C. Cook from Ruscote Sports to strengthen our first team (transfer fee not disclosed).

Don't forget to come and cheer us on. Fixtures in Banbury Guardian weekly.

R. Hayward, Vice President

DEDDINGTON PLAYGROUP

The Committee of Deddington Playgroup held a meeting in the Playgroup Hut on February 16th to discuss further fund-raising and it has been decided to hold a Jumble Sale on Saturday 11th March at 2.0 p.m. There will also be a Cake and Produce stall, and a sale of Marks and Spencer and Mothercare 'seconds' for children. We would be very glad of support from the village for this function as our funds do need boosting!

We are also holding a Knit-In on Thursday May 11th and anybody wishing to knit will be very welcome - also as many sponsors as possible please - even ½p per inch helps.

The Playgroup notice board is to be used for advertising good second-hand toys with the Playgroup taking a small percentage of the sale money, so if you have toys which you would like advertised at the hut please get in touch with the secretary or any member of the Playgroup Committee.

The amount made at the Christmas Bazaar was £98.86. Thanks for all the support.

Kath Morris, Secretary

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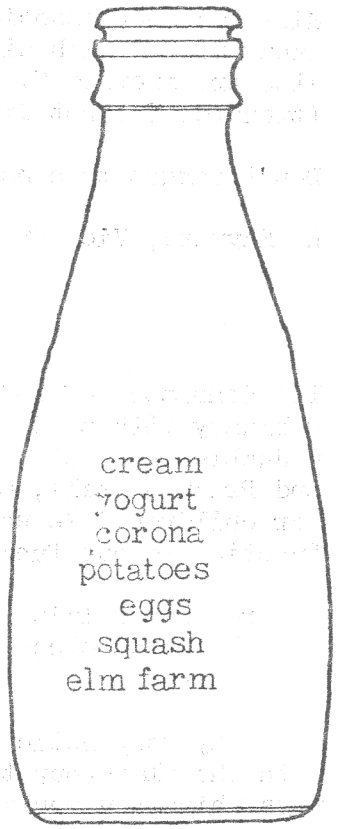

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DEDDINGTON C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Saturday 4th February the boys of the Primary School entered a five-a-side football tournament organised by Banbury Primary Schools Sports Association and held at Spiceball Sports Centre. A total of 28 teams from various schools in the area were in the competition. We have only nine fourth year boys from which to choose, which rather restricts our choice. So we were forced to play some of the younger boys in the A team, which lost 4 - 0 to Harriers Ground, the eventual winners of the competition.

Our B team drew 0 - 0 against Neithrop A, then defeated Hardwick B by 4 goals to 1 to reach the quarter finals. They played Dashwood Road, the match ending in a draw. A penalty competition settled the game in our favour. This put us in the semi-final. After an exciting and hard fought match, we lost 1 - 0 to Harriers Ground. The boys in the B team were awarded individual certificates as beaten semi-finalists. So ended a very exciting and enjoyable morning.

Thanks are due to the boys who took part and to the parents who assisted with transport and their support.

Teams: A (from) Tim Bradford, Chris Smith, Andrew Munson, Glen Shaw, Martin Rolfe, Richard Spencer, Tim Jones.

B Roger Hunt, Peter Simons, Nickolas Butler, Marcus Berry, Karlton Stratford.
Goalscorers: Karlton Stratford 4, Marcus Berry 1.

Tropical Fish?

During a recent fire drill held in school, the building was vacated in 1 min. 5 sec. The various gerbils, guinea-pigs, etc. paraded in their cages on the playground along with everyone else.

As these were being hurriedly collected in the classrooms immediately following the alarm, a member of staff overheard the following conversation between two pupils:-
First pupil, "What about Tom and Jerry?" (the two goldfish).
Second pupil, "Oh! They'll be all right. They're in water!"

W. S. Duxbury

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL P.T.A.

The Valentine Disco Dance on 10 February was held in the British Legion hall, instead of the Windmill Hall. The party went with a swing - good food, good music, good company - and we raised £30 towards running the swimming-pool.

Quiz at Middle Barton: The Middle Barton PTA has invited Deddington parents and top junior children to a Quiz evening on Thursday 16 March at 7.30 p.m. in the Middle Barton Primary school hall. There will be refreshments afterwards. Previous Quiz evenings at Deddington and Adderbury have been good entertainment, so we hope that you will be tempted to come.

Spring Fair: We are holding a Spring Fair on Saturday 18 March at 10.30 a.m. in the Market Square at Deddington, with cakes and home produce; plants, seedlings, etc. for the garden; nearly new clothing; and a variety of second-hand offers, including books and toys. The proceeds will go towards the up-keep and running costs of the swimming-pool.

Football and Netball Team Shirts: The school football and netball teams have embarked on a series of matches with other local schools. A proper 'strip' helps to get a team going, so the P.T.A. has purchased each team a set of shirts to start them off at a cost of £42.

Coach Trip to London: The coach going to London on Saturday, 15 April, is filling up quickly, so if you want to reserve seats, please get in touch very soon. Adults: £1.50. School-age children: 75p. Telephone: 623. Address: 9 High Street, Deddington.

Moya Hassan, Secretary

CHURCH NEWS

PANCAKE SUPPER - We had the most enjoyable evening ever; thanks to Mr. Walter Caporn for making the arrangements, to Mr. Maurice Renwick and Mr. Seymour Francis for dealing with the tickets, to Captain Ted Johnson and to Mrs. Ruth Johnson for the entertainment, and to the Holcombe Hotel for their lavish catering.

ASH WEDNESDAY - We had to decide whether we should be warm and possibly uncomfortable in the choir stalls for the service, or uncomfortably cold in the nave, and decided for the former. Forty-five people packed into the chancel, which made the service a very intimate one and warm in every way - a very good beginning for Lent.

THE CONFIRMATION ; Thank you for attending the Confirmation. There were about 230 people present to support our candidates. With an adult Baptism, the Confirmation and Communion, this was a memorable service and a sad one too for it will be the last time our present Bishop of Oxford will visit our parish. The ladies provided us with coffee and shortbread which was much appreciated by everyone.

THE RINGERS - A quarter peal (1260 changes) of Plain Bob Doubles with 7-6-8-cover was rung before the Confirmation in honour of our Bishop's last visit as Bishop of Oxford, and for the Confirmation service. To add to the romance of the occasion it was rung by candlelight! (No electricity). Treble - W. Minnear. 2nd - F. Ivings. 3rd - W. Cowley. 4th - P. Phillips. 5th - W. Ivings. 6th - J. Windyer. 7th - R. Phipps. Tenor - J. Plumbe.

MOTHERING SUNDAY (March 5th). We shall have our usual Family Communion at 10.30 with special reference to mothers and children. With Easter being so early and with the cold weather, we doubt if flowers can be found for the children to give to their Mothers, however we have flower cards with a verse for the children. But we shall not be able to give the customary posy to every lady in Church.

PALM SUNDAY - (19th March) Blessing and distribution of palms at the 10.30 Family Communion.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (23rd March) - At 2.30 the children will be presenting their service in Church to which we are all invited. At 8.0 p.m. we shall remember Jesus taking His disciples apart to an upstairs room, there to tell them that this was the Last Supper he would have with them. At this meal he took the wine and the bread of the Passover meal, and asked his disciples to eat and drink in memory of Him. So they, and those who followed after them, do the same in memory of Jesus, and on this day we shall remember in particular that event in the upper room of Jerusalem.

GOOD FRIDAY - At 11.0 a.m. this service is meant for children, and again we shall give them hot cross buns - a piece of symbolism about which we shall think. Parents are of course welcome. From 2.0 to 3.0 we shall remember the crucifixion by one hour's devotion in Church.

EASTER DAY: 8.0 Holy Communion in the Parish Church.
9.0 Family Communion at St. John's Hempton. 10.30 Family Communion in the Parish Church.

'THE FAMILY'

This play, which cannot be called a 'Passion' or an 'Easter' play, as it deals with the whole of the life of Jesus, is not in the usual mould of religious plays, for it is so different that it requires more than the ordinary skill on the part of the producer (Jean Ward), and the cast.

The story of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus is told from the point of view of his relations - the Family - hence the title of the play. This would be interesting indeed, but there is another dimension, that of contemporary society.

The author, without setting the play in the twentieth century and 'flashing back' nor setting it in the time of Jesus and 'flashing forward', has combined the two which presented problems for the producer, especially as there are no stage

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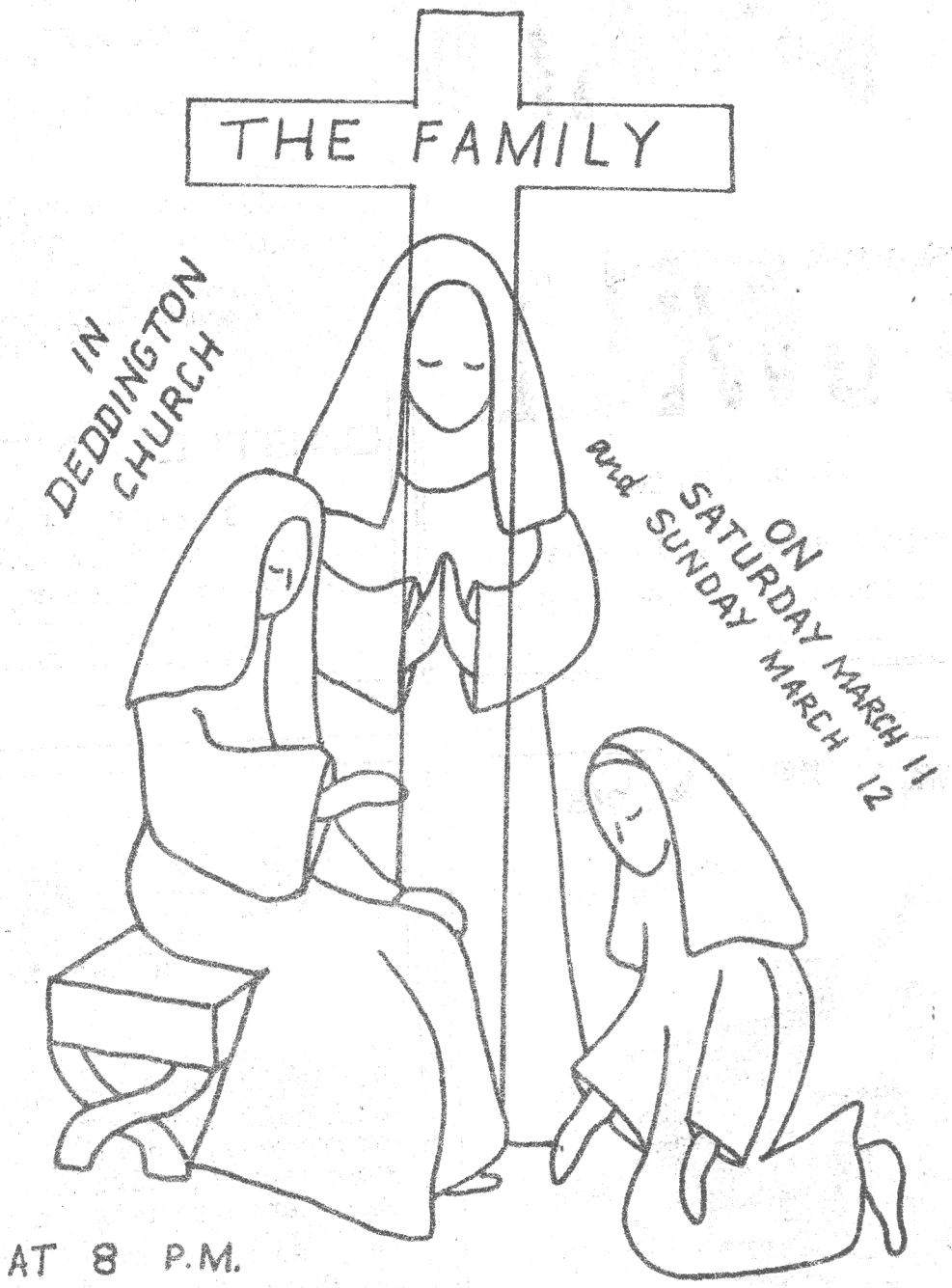
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directions. But Jean Ward, by a clever use of lighting, scenery, costume and music, has made this combination of periods possible.

Written for Church performance, the play is not long, but it is packed with deep and telling dialogue, almost a play to read rather than see. Perhaps the cast will be the ones to get the most out of it, however having understood the script they will do their best to put over the many messages it contains.

George Palmer

DEDDINGTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

Entertainment in the Club during the month of March 1978:

5th March - Harold and Janet; 18th March - Dave Curtis;
27th March, Easter Monday - The Cliffords.

On Saturday January 28th, the Annual Dinner took place. A splendid meal was put on by Blue Peach. Visitors attending were from the Hook Norton Brewery Co., Marston, Bladon and Banbury Royal British Legion. The members then settled down to a marvellous evening's entertainment. All old age pensioners, being members of the Club, were given complimentary tickets. Beers were at half price for the evening, and a great time was had by all.

A. Lewis, Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE

February 14th 1978 Dear Editor,
The letter on South Africa would have been far more informative if David Wall had told us why, despite his modified thinking, he is still anti-apartheid. All we gather from our news media is that it is the segregation of black from white and the tribes from each other but - to what purpose? Could be another variant of the old divide and rule gambit, which is feasible when one remembers that the blacks, in their totality, outnumber the whites twenty to one.

On the other hand, it could be one of those ideas, so good in theory, which bring disaster in practice because they are not related to reality. Unless we know the reason behind the deed, we cannot say, with any degree of certainty, whether an action is good, evil, or just plain stupid.

In any case, it is not our business. In the last analysis, it is the South Africans themselves who must find a way of living amicably together as one nation. Outside pressure, especially on an emotional level, no matter from what sources, can only increase the tension and prevent rather than produce the calm co-operative atmosphere needed to reach a compromise satisfactory to both black and white.

Lewis Foreman

DEDDINGTON LADIES

In February we all enjoyed the return visit, by popular request, of writer Mrs. Sheila Stewart. Her subject "waifs and strays.... or how I came to write my first book" and the relevant items of interest together with various examples of old books proved very entertaining with everyone.

Our meeting on Wednesday 1st March will be a wine and cheese - open evening with an Easter Bonnet competition to be judged by Rita and Elizabeth.

On Wednesday 5th April at 8 p.m. at the Holly Tree Club our speaker will be Mr. Ron Bateman, the gardening expert with Radio Oxford. His topic "Owning a greenhouse and gardening for pleasure" should be of interest to many. This will be followed by the usual ooffee and biscuits, and raffle, and of course we always have a good 2nd hand clothing stall.

If you have been meaning to come along for some time why not make it to this meeting!

Maggie Rampley, Secretary

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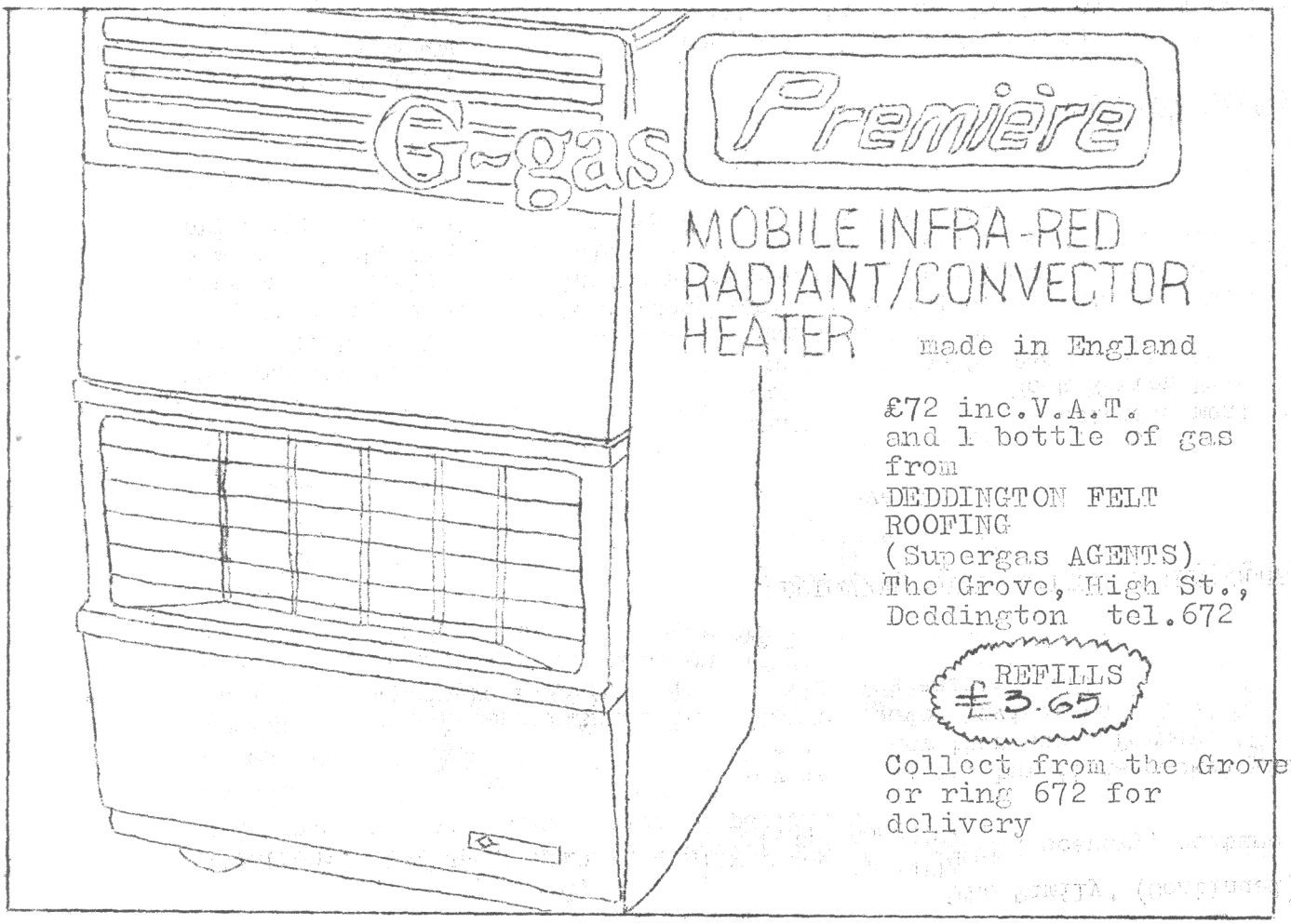

THE MOTORWAY DECISION: HOW WILL IT AFFECT DEDDINGTON?

During the last decade many words have been written and spoken with great passion for and against motorways. We, in Deddington, were involved with the proposed line for a Banbury by-pass in the 60s, and again in the public participation exercise for the proposed M40 in the 70s.

In the 60s we decided to substantiate our feelings with facts and figures. We counted the traffic, recorded noise levels, timed crossings and number of crossings across the A423, put them altogether in a report "Deddington, the Divided Village". This proved without doubt that the road is overloaded, the noise levels are above the official acceptance level and there is inconvenience. This work resulted in the line of the Banbury by-pass being amended to include Deddington.

The 70s saw a change of emphasis, resulting in the proposed M40 extension being seen primarily as a relief to the M1.

Once again a new road is proposed. Will this one solve our problems? Consider for a moment the origin and destination of the majority of heavy goods vehicles using the three main roads in Oxfordshire, A34, A423, A41. I would suggest that by far the greater number are serving Southampton Docks, car works and midland industry. Will these vehicles use the new road, with the emphasis still towards London and no real information on the link around the north of Oxford? If not, Oxfordshire will provide the land, and the towns and villages will continue to suffer. The downgrading of the proposed road could add to the problem as there may well be many more access roads, the B4031 for example. How will this affect Deddington?

Would individual by-passes be the answer? The close proximity of the towns and villages needing relief would lead to a greater loss of land and, I believe, more damage to the Oxfordshire landscape. The by-pass could also affect trade in the towns and villages by funnelling away too much traffic.

It is too easy to argue for a new road if it is to be in someone else's back garden. It is also naive to believe the car and the lorry will go away. We desperately need a new road. I believe it should be a motorway as this will ensure controlled access and development, but we must help to ensure that priority is given for a link around the north of Oxford to the access.

I hope these comments will promote some discussion and I look forward to reading the next edition of this newspaper.

Betty Hill

1st DEDDINGTON BROWNIES

The Jumble Sale held jointly with the Guides on February 18th was a success, and we are very pleased with the amount raised. Thank you for supporting us once again.

During our half-term meeting we invited North Aston Brownies to celebrate 'Thinking Day' with us. Games, refreshments, and candles all helped us to forget that the Hall was unheated as the oil had run out - anyway the Brownies forgot!

The Pack will be going to the Mothering Sunday serviceon March 5th, and also to the St. George's Day parade in Banbury on April 23rd. The last meeting this term will be on March 21st - please could parents make a note of these dates.

Would there be anybody who would like to come and help with the Brownies on a regular weekly basis either as a Unit Helper (non-uniform) or an Assistant (uniform)? We need one or two more people - any offers to Mrs. Rignall or myself.

Vivien Pleydell-Bouverie

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TOYS

THE TCHURE

We have received a letter from Jonathan and Melanie Hughes-Jones concerning an article in the Oxford Times of 10 February under the heading "Threat to Wall Causes Clash".

To put the letter in context, the story started in April 1977 when Triprocus Properties Ltd. applied for permission to build two cottages fronting on to the Tchure with vehicle access from Hudson Street. This would involve demolishing part or all of the wall on the south side of the Tchure adjoining the Pottery. The application was in outline form only, without drawings, and after some procedural errors in discussion, it was passed by the Parish Council on 27 April. Cherwell District Council asked for more details, but before debate took place, a letter bearing 10 signatures of Deddington residents persuaded the Department of the Environment to add the wall to the list of historical buildings.

Certainly there is divided opinion on the fate of the wall. Those in favour of its demolition say it is in a dangerous condition and has neither architectural nor historical interest. It is not as old as is claimed, they say. The wall has undoubtedly been patched up over the years and the stone face is backed with brick. The preservationists say that to maintain the essential character of the Tchure, the 12 ft. high continuous ironstone wall must be retained at its present length on the south side. They feel that if the wall is dangerous it could be rebuilt in its original style.

Cherwell District Council refused the application on the grounds of unsatisfactory access. A second application, in February 1978, gave rise to the Oxford Times' article referred to in the Hughes-Jones' letter which follows:

> "Friday the 10th February's Oxford Times carried an article about the listed wall in the Tchure. It implied that the village was 'divided' over the fate of the wall. In fact there is, as far as we are concerned, no 'clash' and even though we are concerned about the planning application to demolish part of the wall, we have no personal vendetta against Mr. O'Neill, the owner of the wall. We hope that this puts the record straight for anyone who was annoyed, as we were, at the implications in this article."
>
> Jonathan and Melanie Hughes-Jones

This new application was passed by the Parish Council Planning Sub-Committee on 9 February.

Mary Robinson

BOWLS

Deddington, without several familiar faces, played Shipston Engineering B. C. at Gaydon on February 11th and were beaten by 14 shots.

	Shipston	Deddington
Rink 1	K. Sale, W. Daglish L. Boulton, P. Daglish - 28	W. H. Minnear, T. P. Walker E. Smith, B. Hall - 13
Rink 2	J. Stanier, A. Butler G. Holmes, D. Butler - 18	A. Evans, B. Wright D. Glover, E. Young - 25
Rink 3	J. Andrews, J. Daglish G. Hemmings, P. Udell - 22	F. N. Crofts, J. Humphreys W. Hartless, J. P. Scott - 16

Frank Crofts

NOTES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 22 FEBRUARY 1978

Future of the Windmill School: Mr. Drake reported on the meeting he and Mr. Welford held with representatives of Oxfordshire County Council. The Warriner School has no further use for the buildings so the site will be let or sold, as a whole or in parts. If Deddington were to show interest in any part like the Hall, or in the whole area including the Sports Field, the authorities would be sympathetic and would carry discussions further. No idea has been given of rent, but certainly if the C.C. is looking for rent on a commercial scale, there is no way that the Parish Council can meet this. What they are hoping for is a "peppercorn" rent on the grounds of the hall being a village amenity.

Mr. Ward felt that before negotiations continue the Council should establish what use the buildings would get and what the upkeep would be. Councillors agreed, however, that the onus is on them to declare their interest in the site and to continue discussions without commitment. As a postscript, Mr. Drake said it would not be the end of the Adult Education Centre if the Windmill closed - the Primary School could provide the necessary room.

Market Place Toilets: Mr. Hayward reported on his meeting with the Cherwell D. C. Environmental Health Officer. There is a possibility of a grant or loan towards getting the toilets opened. Mr. O'Neill felt it was not a Parish Council responsibility - it was up to the District Council to establish the need and then pay for their upkeep.

Mowing Tender: The Council is to seek tenders for the contract for mowing the Castle Grounds and the Burial Ground. The previous contractor has increased his price by 10% for the coming season and Councillors are not happy with the standard of work.

Techomes Development, Clifton: Mr. Gardner reported the concern felt by Clifton residents at the proposed housing estate development near Tithe Lane. Clifton is not on main drainage, so the development would have its own sewage plant to treat effluent which would then be piped across private land, both gardens and agricultural, to the river. Planning permission for the development has already been granted, but Mr. Gardner felt Councillors should be aware of Clifton residents' concern. Mr. Welford said that the legal position is that if a private developer wishes to take effluent or surface water over private land, the land owners must receive notice of the intention and they can object. Several residents have made it known that they will object and the objections cannot be overriden. The alternative route for the water would be via the roadway. Planning permission is not necessary for this routing, but it will be far more costly for the developer.

Mary Robinson

DIARY OF EVENTS

March	4	Bach B Minor Mass, Parish Church 7.30 p.m.
	5	Mothering Sunday Church Service 10.30 a.m.
	8	Windmill Hall Meeting 8.00 p.m.
	11/12	"The Family", Parish Church 7.30 p.m.
	11	Mother and Toddler Group Jumble Sale 10.30 a.m.
	11	Playgroup Jumble Sale 2.00 p.m.
	14	Women's Institute A.G.M. 7.30 p.m.
	14	Ploughman's Lunch for Young Mothers, Holly Tree Club 12.45 p.m.
	16	PTA Quiz, Middle Barton 7.30 p.m.
	18	PTA Spring Fair, Market Place 10.30 a.m.
	19	Palm Sunday Church service 10.30 a.m.
	22	Parish Council meeting 7.00 p.m.
	23	Maundy Thursday Children's Church Service 2.30 p.m.
	24	Good Friday Children's Church service 11.00 a.m.
	24	Wesleyan Reform 9.0 a.m.
	26	Easter Sunday Wesleyan Reform 11 a.m.
	26	Service at Congregational Church 6 p.m. Preacher Mr. J.Neal.
April	5	Deddington Ladies meeting: Ron Bateman
	15	PTA Coach trip to London
	23	St. George's Day Parade, Banbury